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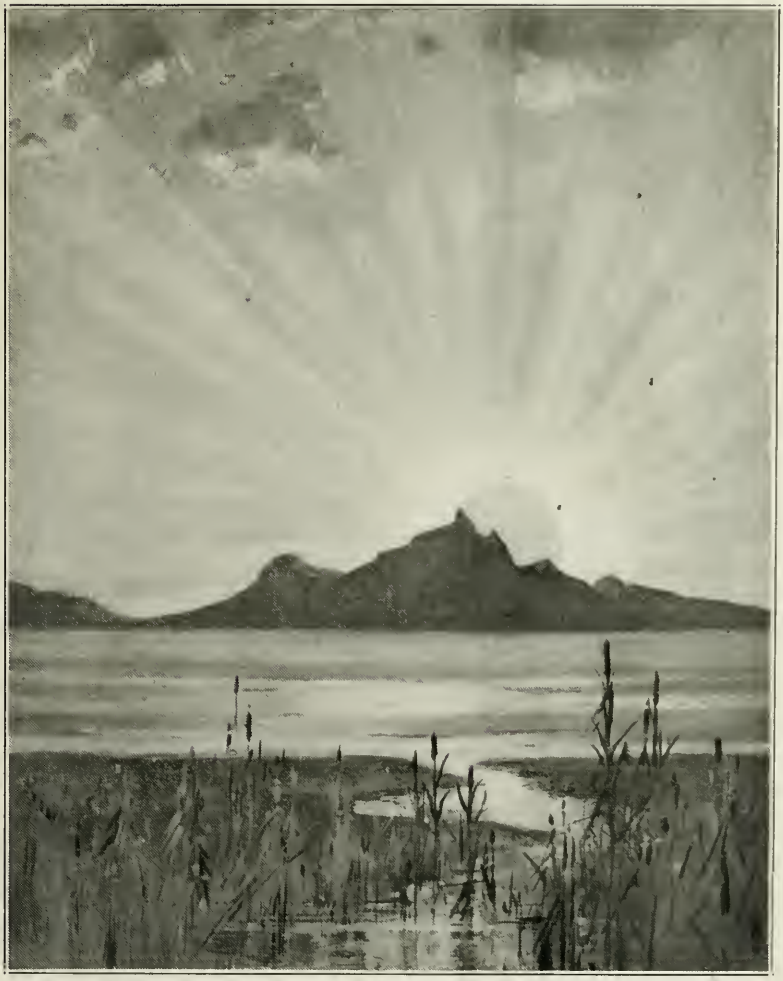

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POETRY

CRISES

We lead our days in monotonous ways,
The humdrum of work and sleep;
Time slips along; no thrill in the song;
There's not even reason to weep.
Then, like a flash, there comes a crash—
We're stunned by the buffet Fate gives;
In the backness and blur we feel the Soul stir—
And that is the moment one lives.

When disaster beats round, the true men are found;
And cowards are marked with a brand.
They whimper and whine, they cringe and repine
At the whip-lash Fate holds in her hand.
The brave struggle on though chasms may yawn,
And midnight's unlit by a star;
How you face defeat in the crises you meet—
That measures the man you are.

All through the years there are laughs and tears,
But they in the end are the same.
A moment of life in the midst of the strife
Is worth ages of watching the game.
With despair in your heart, if you still played your part,
Though bloody and beaten and sore,
If your soul flamed white in a hopeless fight,
The world will ask for no more.

—Joseph Morris.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

Act upon your impulses, but pray that they may be directed by God. —Emerson Tennent.

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According to the laws and constitution of the people which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles.

That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity, according to the moral agency which I have given unto them, that every man be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment.

Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another.

—*Doctrine and Covenant 101: 77-79.*

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THERE IS NO MOMENT LIKE THE PRESENT. THE MAN WHO WILL NOT EXECUTE HIS RESOLUTIONS WHEN THEY ARE FRESH UPON HIM CAN HAVE NO HOPE FROM THEM AFTERWARDS; THEY WILL BE DISSIPATED, LOST, AND PERISH IN THE HURRY AND SCURRY OF THE WORLD, OR SUNK IN THE SLOUGH OF INDOLENCE.

—Maria Edgeworth.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

The night shades of 1942 have enveloped us swiftly, closely, and the dawn rays of 1943 burst over the horizon in pleasanter tones than might have been expected. There is in all hearts new hope, born of recent success, which gives new impetus to our efforts toward a peaceful ending to the coming year. In all faith, sincerity and humility, we pray that may be so. Not the subjection of people, the irrational reparation of wrong done us, nor the wreaking of a bloody vengeance: Let none of these be our desire, but the extermination of the idea of the limitation of the rights and freedom of any race or people, this canker in the heart of this Continent, that that might be rooted out, nevermore to germinate. Let that be our ambition, Foundation of continual Peace.

Message Of The First Presidency

(Continued from previous issue)

CHASTITY

UPON the heels of the demon drink, tread the demons of unchastity—harlotry, fornication, adultery, while murder itself lurks not far behind. From Adam until now, God has commanded that His children be sexually clean.

Here again we extend gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the great body of the Saints who have kept the moral law. To the Corinthians, Paul said:—

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."—I Cor. 3: 16-17; II Cor. 6: 15-16.

And again:—

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"—I Cor. 6: 19.

You who have observed the law of chastity have kept the temples of God undefiled. You can stand unabashed before the Lord. He loves you. He will bestow honour and reward upon you. Every overcoming of temptation brings strength and glory to the soul. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper you in all your works of righteousness.

But some of us have forgotten what the Lord has said about these sins. Some of us have failed to teach our children the need for sexual purity. Some teachers have tried to lay bare to our youth the mysteries of life, and so have robbed the creative act of all the sanctity with which from the beginning God has enshrouded it. These have given no restraining righteous principle in its place. So, with too many, modesty has become a derided virtue, and the sex desire has been degraded to the level of hunger and thirst. From Sodom and Gomorrah until now, sex immorality, with its attendant evils of drink and corruption, has brought low the mightiest of nations, has reduced erring man almost to the level of the beasts of the field.

One of the ten basic principles of Christian society, and accepted by all worshippers of the true God, came to men at Sinai when God wrote with His own finger: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

In the great revelation on the three heavenly glories, the Lord said, speaking of those who will inherit the lowest of these or the telestial glory:—

"These are they who are liars, and sorcerers, and adulterers, and whoremongers, and whosoever loves and makes a lie."—D. and C. 76: 103.

The doctrine of this Church is that sexual sin—the illicit

sexual relations of men and women—stands, in its enormity, next to murder.

The Lord has drawn no essential distinctions between fornication, adultery, and harlotry or prostitution. Each has fallen under His solemn and awful condemnation.

You youths of Zion, you cannot associate in non-marital, illicit sex relationships, which is fornication, and escape the punishments and the judgments which the Lord has declared against this sin. The day of reckoning will come just as certainly as night follows days. They who would palliate this crime and say that such indulgence is but a sinless gratification of a normal desire, like appeasing hunger and thirst, speak filthiness wth their lips. Their counsel leads to destruction; their wisdom comes from the Father of Lies.

You husbands and wives who have taken on solemn obligation of chastity in the holy Temples of the Lord and who violate those sacred vows by illicit sexual relations with others, you not only commit the vile and loathsome sin of adultery but you break the oath you yourselves made with the Lord Himself before you went to the altar for your sealing. You become subject to the penalties which the Lord has prescribed for those who breach their covenants with Him.

Of the harlots and those who visit them, God speaks in terms of divine contempt. They are they who have bargained away an eternity of bliss for the momentary pleasures of the flesh.

The Lord will have only a clean people. He has said, "I will contend with Zion, and plead with her strong ones, and chasten her until she overcomes and is clean before me."—D. and C. 90: 36.

But they who sin may repent, and, they repenting, God will forgive them, for the Lord has said, "Behold, he who has repented his sins, the same is forgiven, and I, the Lord, remember them no more."—D. and C. 58: 42.

By virtue of the authority in us vested as the First Presidency of the Church, we warn our people who are offending, of the degradation, the wickedness, the punishment that attend upon unchastity; we urge you to remember the blessings which flow from the living of the clean life; we call upon you to keep, day in and day out, the way of strictest chastity, through which only can God's choice gifts come to you and His Spirit abide with you.

How glorious is he who lives the chaste life. He walks unfearful in the full glare of the noon-day sun, for he is without moral infirmity. He can be reached by no shafts of base calumny, for his armour is without flaw. His virtue cannot be challenged by any just accuser, for he lives above reproach. His cheek is never blotched with shame, for he is without hidden sin. He is honoured and respected by all mankind, for he is beyond their censure. He is loved by the Lord, for he stands without blemish. The exaltations of eternities await his coming.

(To be continued)

Because of the urgency of getting copy to the Press for early publication of our Christmas issue it was decided to leave the results of the Poetry Competition to this issue. Although we went to press earlier than was originally anticipated, the selection of the Story was left until the last possible moment and **all Stories received** were given consideration in the final judgment.

We have pleasure in printing the winning entry in the Poetry Competition. It is the work of Sister Marjorie Cuthbertson, of Sunderland, who will receive a copy of "The Articles of Faith" as recognition of her effort. Second prize of free "Star" subscription for six months goes to Sister Gladys Quayle, also of Sunderland, for her entry; and third prize goes to Sister Anne M. Bannatyne, of Belfast, for her poem. She will receive a free "Star" subscription for three months.

Congratulations to All!

The Spirit Of Christmas

Our Christmas Customs will not die,
Although we are at War,
We'll send our Christmas Greetings
As we've always done before,
We'll hang our berried holly
And our lucky mistletoe,
We'll keep the Christmas Spirit
Within our hearts aglow.

We'll buy our little tokens
For our relatives and friends,
And won't forget the Greeting Card
On which so much depends,
"Merry Christmas, Mother,"
Or perhaps a note to say
Please postpone your peeping
Until the Festive Day.

We'll gather round the fireside
And there, in sweet accord,
We'll sing the songs of Bethlehem,
The Birthplace of our Lord.
And when the day has ended,
We'll recapture, one by one,
The Melodies that mingled
In that Christmas Benison.

The Sacrament Meeting

By Bishop Le Grande Richards

The following address was given by Bishop Richards at the special meeting with Bishoprics held during the 113th Semi-annual General Conference.

MY assignment is "The Sacrament Meeting." I am not going to give you one-third of what I had in mind, but I wish you would write this down, that I think every Ward ought to have at least 25 per cent. attendance regularly at Sacrament meeting. Write that down. Some of our wards are as low as 6 and 7 and 8 per cent., but they are only Jack Mormons. There is something wrong with them; they need re-converting.

The Sacrament meeting is the only meeting the Lord has commanded us to attend. He says, "And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world." What is religion good for if it isn't for that, and if we do not do the things that keep us unspotted from the world? Well, just answer that yourselves. "Thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer the sacraments unto the Most High."

This is what Brigham Young said: "Whether we are rich or poor, if we neglect our prayers and our Sacrament meetings, we neglect the spirit of the Lord, and the spirit of darkness comes over us." And I want to tell you that the spirit of darkness has come over many Latter-day Saints because they are neglecting their Sacrament meetings, and their prayers, too.

Now, maybe it is partly our fault. You know we get in some awful ruts. I believe, as Brother Bowen, that the fundamentals will never change, but we certainly can learn how to give a little more attention to things than we have done in the past. My experience has been that people like to do finer and better things than they have ever done before, but they get tired doing the same thing over and over and over again.

We used to think it was obligatory to hold a ward council meeting and meet with the heads of our auxiliaries and Priesthood quorums. I called them my board of directors, and any ideas they had that were good was what we wanted for running the ward. Did you ever try drawing on something besides what you know yourself? I have never been very creative, but I have always been able to get help from the other fellow. If I have been successful in my present position it is because I have Bishop Ashton and Bishop Wirthlin. They help make the bullets and I help shoot them.

Another thing I think is wrong: We get in the habit of calling the same ones to do all the preaching. When I was a bishop, I asked the President of the Stake if he wouldn't withhold his high council and home missionaries for a while. We had, I think it was over 300 men in our ward holding the Melchizedek Priesthood, and very few of them had ever talked in Church, so we decided to give them a chance to speak. We could use four, on an average, a week. We started calling these men. We would ask them a week in advance, because we

wanted them to preach to themselves for a whole week.

We even assigned them the subject, and the subject was, "What does Mormonism mean to me or to my family or my pioneer parents who crossed the plains?" And we had some of the grandest talks. Some of these brethren said they had been home from their missions twenty to thirty years, and it was the first time they had been given an opportunity to speak in Sacrament meeting since they reported their missions. I say shame on bishops who let missionaries come home filled with the spirit of testimony and never give them an opportunity to be heard. Brigham Young said a man will get a testimony quicker on his feet than he will on his knees. You just think of it. I want to tell you there isn't a thing in this world you can give the members of your ward to do that will rekindle their faith and their testimony and put them on their mark in the way they live like calling them to speak in a Sacrament meeting.

I do not think much of wards that have nothing but professional speakers in their Sacrament meetings. They are copying the ways of the sectarian churches of the world. All they need is a bishop with a degree, and let him do all the preaching.

I believe the Lord gave us this Church for the development of our people, and the Sacrament meeting is the finest place to develop them. I would have the boys and girls and the fathers and mothers, every one take their turn in Sacrament meeting, preaching from the pulpit, not long, but if you will do this you will have the saints pushing your walls out to see if John Jones' boy is better than their boys; or if John Jones did a little better than they; or if his wife is a little better preacher than their wives. Make them feel that the Sacrament meeting belongs to them: a family gathering.

Now another thing: I think we ought to set the example by taking our children to Sacrament meeting. Some think the Sacrament meetings are for the old folks and that the children do not belong there. If they do not learn to go while they are in the parental home,when will they learn? I take off my hat, figuratively speaking, to the man and the woman who walk into the Sacrament meeting with their little family at their side. As a bishop, I used to sit on the stand with one child on my lap and one by my side, and my wife down in the congregation with one on her lap and two or three around her. Ours came rather thick and fast like some of the rest of the Mormon families, and I thank God that they learned to like to go to Sacrament meeting. That is the place where we go to be fed the bread of life.

A week ago I heard Brother Sonne bear testimony that when he was a youngster he heard Brother Ballard deliver a marvelous oration. He said, "I don't remember what he said, but the testimony he bore that day guided me past pitfalls that might have taken me away from my activity in the Church." And I can bear you a testimony like that. I look back upon the Sacrament meetings in the days of my youth as the greatest inspiration of my life, and I am sure I attended as many dry ones as any of you.

Financial And Statistical Church Report Of The British Mission For The Year 1942

Financial Statement:

Under the direction of the Trustee-in-Trust of the Church, there has been returned to the Saints, from the Tithes, for the maintenance and operation of Districts and Branches, for Charity and activities of the British Mission £6,839 15 11

Church Membership:

British Mission (only) as at January 1st, 1942	6,491
Converts, and Children baptised by December 31st, 1942	51
Children of Members blessed during 1942	58
Died during 1942	52
Members married by Mission authority during the year	16
Members married by Civil authorities during the year	24
Members married to non-Members during the year	25
Number of full-time missionaries, December 31st, 1942	29
Number of full-time missionaries released during the year	29
Number of Home Missionaries, December 31st, 1942	433
Number of Branches in the British Mission	75
Number of Districts	14
M.I.A. Conjoint Organisations	25
Sunday School Organisations	62
Primary Organisations	13
Relief Societies	51

Expended for the Maintenance of Full-time Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.
Collected from Districts and Branches and paid to missionaries, estimated at	900	0	0
Average cost per missionary. Number maintained in the field during the year, 29, making a total expense of	2,262	0	0
Estimated possible earning per missionary of £182 per year, multiplied by 29, equals an approximate total of	5,278	0	0
Total estimated contribution of Missionaries, their families, Branches and Districts	8,440	0	0

Report of Full-time Missionaries for 1942.

Families of Investigators visited	1,461
Gospel Conversations	12,764
Tracts, Pamphlets, and other Church literature distributed	77,748
Meetings held	3,531
Average hours per day per Missionary	8
Total hours reported by the Home Missionaries, 1942,	28,746

For the third year, the British Mission has been self-supporting, financially and administratively. Every Branch and District is under the direction of the local Priesthood. All known poverty, distress and want have been taken care of. All Church property is in usable condition and in a fairly good state of repair.

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1942

EDITORIAL

Annual Report Of The British Mission.

WE have much pleasure in submitting a review of the Annual Report of the British Mission for 1942.

The historical mission record for the last twelve months reveals many improvements, greater activity and accomplishments as compared with 1941.

The number of branches has increased from 71 to 75. Through the efforts of the District Presidencies, branches have been opened in places where the Gospel has not been heard for a number of years. Full-time missionaries have done the spade work in this direction. There are prospects of opening further new fields in the near future.

The year 1942 began with a two-day Mission Conference in January attended by the District Presidents and Counsellors. The situation of the mission was fully considered and many projects, decided upon, have been carried out very satisfactorily. A second three-day Conference during August Holiday, this time attended by District and Branch Presidencies, had very far-reaching effect.

Fourteen Annual District Conferences were held during the year. The spiritual uplift was very remarkable; the attendances were better and the love and unity of the Saints very apparent.

Most of the Districts have held the Home Missionary Conventions, intended to develop the work of the local missionaries, whose number has increased as compared with last year, despite the heavy call upon man and woman power for National Effort.

The number of the full-time missionaries stands at 29 at the end of the year. Altogether 58 have laboured in the mission field in 1942. The work accomplished by this group is very creditable indeed. The method of staying four-five weeks in a branch and then moving on to the next in districts has been adhered to this past year. Most of the Saints have had the contact and service of the British full-time missionaries. The attendances show improvement. Some inactive members are coming back. Over 100 Lantern Lectures have been given, through the districts. The gramophone records of the " Fulness of Time " have been used to a very great extent.

The Relief Society Centennial was well observed throughout the branches. The sisters worked very hard and achieved much. They must be heartily commended for their great work in the Church. The number of the branch Relief Societies

has increased from 46 to 51.

The Sunday Schools have increased from 53 to 62. The work of this organisation is very important in the British Mission and is much in evidence. The Genealogical training given in Sunday Schools has resulted in a greatly increased return of genealogical work for the Temples.

The M.I.A., Beehive and Primary organisations have made progress during the past year through co-operative effort of the Board members, district and branch authorities and respective officers and teachers. It is matter of happy contemplation for us to know that our youth are being taken care of in the face of many difficulties. The amount of work done and its quality is much better by comparison.

The number of baptisms has slightly decreased; blessings of children have increased; the number of members who have died has risen by 20; other statistics remain about the same.

Harvest Festivals, Union Meetings, Priesthood activities, branch re-unions, cottage meetings, and other district and branch activities have been much greater. Throughout the branches of the Mission the spirit of endeavour, the desire to do things, the eagerness to improve and build up various projects and organisations are in the minds and hearts of our faithful and devoted members.

For the third year we are very happy to report that the British Mission is self-supporting financially. The amount of tithes returned to the Saints for the maintenance of the British Mission as a whole is larger as compared with last year.

In 1943 we hope to go forward and onward in the development of the Lord's work in the British Mission of His Church. The plans are already under consideration to develop the Mission publicity, increase the number of branches, gather greater amount of genealogical data for the Temples, improve our branches in appearance, attendance, the quality of our services and the responsibilities of our Church workers. There are numerous problems and projects which will be put into operation and, with the aid of the Spirit of the Lord and through the services of the Presiding authorities from the First Presidency down to every branch President, counsellor and officer accomplished as fully as circumstances will permit.

The Lord has been merciful and kind to us in the British Mission. There is no hardship among our members as far as we know; our homes have been blessed. Although two families have suffered from enemy action in losing some of their belongings, their lives have been miraculously preserved.

We will continue to devote all our time, energy and mind to the service of the Lord as your servants, counsellors and presiding officers of the British Mission and with prayers in our hearts we seek your co-operation, full support, love and blessings.

ANDRE K. ANASTASIOU.
GEORGE H. BAILEY.
JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM.

The Fulness Of Times

THE GLAD TIDINGS

EPISODE 11. SCENE I.

NARRATIVE

With hopeful heart, this first Mormon Missionary set out upon his journey to spread the glad tidings. He took the turnpike out of Palmyra towards Bavonia, stopping at farm-house and taverns on the way, but with little or no success. Toward evening he arrived at an inn.

A crowd of men were exchanging talk and comment.

Innkeeper: I'll have to attend to business, someone just came in, maybe he wants a room.

Customer: Yeah, rather a tired-looking customer; you had better rent him two beds.

Innkeeper (to Samuel Smith): Well, what can I do for yer, young man?

Samuel Smith: I would like to interest you in a book.

Innkeeper: A book! Why, I'm runnin' an Inn, not a book shop.

Samuel Smith: Wouldn't you like to buy a book giving the history of the origin of the Indians?

Innkeeper: Er, I don't know. How did you get hold of it?

Samuel Smith: It was translated by my Brother, from plates that he found buried in the earth.

Ribald laughter from the customers on this remark.

Customer: I know what that book is. Why, landlord, you don't want to buy that book. That's the Book of Mormon. Presents a new idea about religion. Huh, as though what we have isn't good enough. Church people down Palmyra way won't have anythin' to do with it. Show him out, landlord.

Innkeeper: Well, young man. What do you mean by trying to sell me such a book?

Samuel Smith: How can you judge a book without reading it? I only hoped to exchange the book for a night's lodging, knowing that once you read it you would be glad of the bargain.

Customer: Don't listen to him, landlord. Give him a chance and he'll start preaching. If you listen to him, or read his book, you'll be converted before ye know it.

Innkeeper: Well! I'll not listen to'm but send him about his business.

Samuel Smith: But Sir, I wish you would believe me.

Innkeeper: I shan't believe you, so you get out o' my house. You shan't stay another minute with yer book.

Samuel Smith: I assure you, Sir, these men are mistaken.

NARRATIVE

What Samuel did not realise was that he was sowing seed on stubborn ground, that it would take some time for it to take root. This young missionary, without purse or scrip, was having his first experience with an indifferent world. Tired but not discouraged, he went on his way, sleeping that night under a tree. The next day he stopped at other houses on his way.

Widow: I am convinced of the truth of what you say, but I am a widow, and have very little money. I cannot buy the book.

Samuel Smith: You have been very kind to me, and fed me, and listened to what I had to say, so let me leave a copy with you, in God's name.

And again!

Rev. Green: Yes! I agree with you. There may be those who may be interested to the extent of buying the book. Undoubtedly there is something worth while back of it all.

Samuel Smith: Indeed there is, Reverend Green. God is back of it all.

Rev. Green: Hmm, well, we shall see, but I tell you what I'll do. I'm about to set out on my circuit, and I shall be glad to make up a subscirption list of all those I find interested in purchasing a copy. If you return here in about two weeks I shall be back and may have something to report.

Then:

Deacon Brown: Good morning, Brother Silas, why so thoughtful?

Brother Silas: I've been reading a book, Deacon Brown, a most impressive book called the Book of Mormon. Young fellow over Palmyra way has published it. I hear he's started a Church at Fayette in Senaca. What's more, Deacon, I believe he has the true religion.

Deacon Brown: You needn't say any more, Brother Silas, I've read the book and I believe it. I have made up my mind to go to Fayette myself this week.

Brother Silas: Well, in that case, Deacon, I'll go with you.

And so on!

Lady: I'm surprised, Reverend Green, that you recommend this book, but I shall take it and read it carefully.

Rev. Green: That's all I ask. Young man, Samuel Smith, brother of the translator of this work, left it at my home some time ago. I was to get subscriptions for him for the book, but I did little about it. Recently I read it, the result is that me and my wife are leaving to join what we believe is the true Church.

SCENE II.

One of the young men baptised into the Church at Fayette was Newel Knight, at Colesville, New York, a brother of Joseph Knight Jnr., a charter member of the Church. So enthusiastic was Newel Knight for the cause that he urged Joseph Smith to come to Colesville and preach. Consequently Joseph joined Oliver Cowdery and others, and journeyed to Colesville. On their arrival they found members of the Knight family and many new converts ready for baptism. As there was no lake or river nearby this presented a momentary problem.

Newel Knight: It looks, Mr. Smith, as though the service of baptism will have to be postponed until another Sunday, when we can drive to a lake.

Joseph Smith: The service should be performed to-morrow, Newel. God's work must not be delayed. Surely some provision could be made.

Mr. Knight: There's a stream running through my land, Mr. Smith, which might be dammed up to make a small pond, if the time were not so short.

Newel Knight: The very thing, Joseph. We still have time enough this afternoon if we all take a hand.

Joseph Smith: Then let us get to work. Come, Mr. Knight,

show us the likely spot, and we will build a dam before bedtime.

Mr. Knight: Well! gentlemen, follow me. I think it will be possible to have our service after all.

But the opposition was not reckoned with.

Brother Bacon: I tell you, Brother Donleppe, I don't like this new religion. The Knight family and their neighbours here in Colesville have embraced this doctrine, and are going to join the new Church. If we don't put a stop to this Joseph Smith will have all our best members on his side.

Brother Donleppe: True, true, Brother Bacon, it's an outrage. All this talk about a new Bible and the restoration of the Priesthood and what not is contrary from accepted teachings. It must be stopped. Heaven only knows what they'll be up to next.

Entry of Jonothan.

Brother Donleppe: Well! What is it, Jonothan?

Jonothan (breathlessly): Well! Well! What do you think they're up to now?

Brother Donleppe: Who? Speak up, Jonothan.

Jonothan: Who! Who? Why the prophet, Joseph Smith, Newel Knight, and the rest of them. Yes, I was on my way here and I saw a group of men working like mad in Mr. Knight's field. Well! fearing something had happened, I went over and what do you think they were doing? Yes, damming up the stream to make a pond to baptise people in to-morrow.

Brother Bacon: Brother Donleppe, they're carrying on right under our very noses. They'll have the whole countryside baptised and made members of their Church before we know it.

Brother Donleppe: Oh, they will, eh. We'll see about that. That stream runs right through my land, and I have just as much right to that water as Mr. Knight has. If they think they're going to hold that service to-morrow they're mistaken. Come on, men, get lanterns and spades, we're going to slip over to the Knight's farm and take care o' that.

And they did. This unforseen action did prevent the baptism of the new members that Sunday morning, but Oliver Cowdery preached a bright, glowing sermon to the congregation, and Joseph testified to the truth of the Book of Mormon, and the restoration of the everlasting Gospel. That night other plans were made.

Joseph Smith: Gentlemen, we have decided on a course of action. We will work to-night and repair that dam. In the meantime, all those ready to receive baptism will be notified to assemble at dawn, and we will proceed with the service.

And at dawn next day . . .

Joseph Smith: All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptised, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the Church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve Him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the spirit of Christ, unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into His Church.

Our Missionaries' Page

TWELVE MONTHS OF SERVICE, SACRIFICE AND SUPPORT

THE record for the year 1942 is closed. The history of every missionary is written; his or her actions reveal the faith, diligence, accomplishments and personality. It is a matter of joy and satisfaction to know that the work of our full time and home missionaries has increased as compared with the previous year. Fifty-eight full-time missionaries laboured in most of the branches of the Church in the British Isles during the year; 29 of them are still in the field; new ones are about to begin their labours.

Our Home Missionaries have increased in number to 433. Total hours reported stand at 28,427 and are recorded in heaven, for the work of our missionaries bears the authority, appointment and commission of the Priesthood of our Church divinely appointed and set apart to send forth these missionaries with the voice of authority, power and conviction.

British missionaries, the authorities in Zion and here, as well as the members, look to you to fulfill your sacred duties in accordance with the promises made, to live the Gospel more fully, to enjoy the fruits of your faith more abundantly and to increase your heavenly treasures, which are imperishable and eternal.

Again, we repeat the promise that, inasmuch as you have received your sacred appointment and commission to fulfill your duties with diligence, love and charity, you shall receive in the Eternal Kingdom of our God your crown of glory.

Remember you are of the tribe of Ephraim, called, ordained and set apart to fulfill the purposes of God in the eleventh hour of this the last dispensation.

"Behold this is the blessing of the everlasting God upon the tribes of Israel, and the richer blessing upon the head of Ephraim and his fellows.—Doc. and Cov. 133: 34.

Read the reports from the field and send your own regularly.

I loaned the book, "Mr. Durant of Salt Lake," to an Investigator. I also had some fine talks on the Gospel with men at work.—Bro. Joseph T. Quinney, Sheffield.

Three mothers attended the Northfield M.I.A. Each expressed their appreciation of the work it was doing. I also did washing and ironing for sick friend.—Sister Augusta Edwards, Birmingham.

I fulfilled engagement to preach the Gospel to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Railway Mission, Monday, September 5th. My subject was "The proper conception of the Godhead."—Sister Margaret G. Park, Scotland.

WE WILL BUILD UP THE BRITISH MISSION OF THE CHURCH THROUGH OUR SERVICE, SACRIFICE AND SUPPORT.

District Activities

Birmingham

A very successful Hallowe'en Party was sponsored by the Sparkbrook M.I.A. following the District Union Meeting on October 31st at Sparkbrook. Brother Fred Webb was M.C. assisted by Brothers Harry Dyson, George Dyson and John R. McRae, who conducted introductions to the "Spirit of Hallowe'en" in the Ghost Room. Approximately 80 persons enjoyed the traditional games with other items, including an opening promenade by candle-light with appropriate music by Brother Arthur J. Fisher.

Handsworth Branch M.I.A. held their Dramatic Night November 26th, 1942. A play entitled "Mrs. Biddlecomb and the Furriners" was acted under the direction of Sister Violet Thomas. The cast included Sisters Faith Dunn, Thelma Green, Patricia Green, Beatrice Horner, Margaret Dunn, Miss Una Richardson and Brother Arthur Fisher. Other items were rendered by M.I.A. members, the evening being conducted by Brother Arthur Fisher.

Staffs Branch held a Harvest Festival Service Sunday, October 4th. The sale of the produce on the Monday following realised the sum of £2 for the Relief Society.

Branch Union meeting of the same Branch was held Saturday, November 7th, followed by a social at which games and singing took place under the direction of Brothers R. Carter and Ira Parkes. The Relief Society Sisters served a supper and a sum was raised for the Relief Society Fund.

A cottage meeting was held in the home of Brother and Sister Edgar Hancock Sunday, November 8th, 1942. Fourteen people attended. Elder William Gittins spoke on "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy," and Elder Albert R. Carter spoke of the effect that keeping the Sabbath holy would have on our eternal salvation. A discussion followed this meeting which was stimulating to a very high degree.

Hull

Hull Branch held their Harvest Festival October 25th, 1942. The chapel was suitably decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. A large number of Saints and friends gathered for the occasion, and enjoyed singing hymns of praise and thanksgiving. Branch President Robert H. Summers gave an address from a text chosen out of the Book of Ruth, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?" On the following day the Relief Society Presidency met for the purpose of taking the produce to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children in Hull as a gift from the Church. The following letter of thanks was received from the Matron:

"I wish to thank you very much indeed for the lovely gifts which you have so kindly sent to this Hospital. . . . They are greatly appreciated by everyone here, and I should be glad if you would kindly convey our very sincere thanks to all who have helped to make this gift possible.—Marion Kennedy."

Leeds

On Tuesday, November 10th, a Relief Society Social was held at the home of Brother and Sister Laycock, of Pudsey Branch, under the direction of Relief Society President Sister L. Sutcliffe. Twenty-four members and friends enjoyed the evening's entertainment, consisting of games and community singing conducted by Lady Missionaries Sisters Grace E. Gent and Doris M. Allison. President Laycock sang two solos. A sausage-and-mash supper was served during the evening by the Relief Society Sisters.

President Fred Laycock arranged a lantern lecture, which was held at his home in Pudsey on Sunday, November 15th, 1942. He was assisted by Lady Missionaries Sisters Grace E. Gent and Doris M. Allison. Seventeen people were in attendance, including eight investigators.

A cottage meeting was conducted by Elder J. R. Moore at his home in Morley on Saturday, November 14th. A lantern lecture was presented by

District President Herbert Walker and Lady Missionaries Sister Grace E. Gent and Doris M. Allison. Seven attended, including two friends.

London

A baptismal service was held in the South London Branch Chapel on Sunday, November 29th, 1942. Acting Mission President A. K. Anastasiou was in attendance. District President W. O. Chipping conducted. An address on "Baptism" was given by Lady Missionary Sister Joyce Gittins and Elder Ralph Mount spoke on the "Gift of the Holy Ghost." President Anastasiou spoke briefly of "Baptism." Elder Andre C. Anastasiou performed two baptisms: Paul Alexander Anastasiou and Charles George William Lawman. Following a talk by Elder George A. H. Evans on the value of prayer, Paul Anastasiou was confirmed by President Anastasiou, and Charles Lawman by Elder William C. Chipping.

Manchester

On Saturday, October 31st, 1942, Manchester District Union Meeting was held in the Rochdale Branch Chapel under the direction of District President Albert Woodruff. The occasion combined business and pleasure for all in attendance. A meat-pie and bean supper was served by the Rochdale Branch Relief Society Sisters, and a presentation was made to Sister Olga Emery, who had laboured for nearly nine months as a Missionary in the District. A copy of the book, "Programme of the Church," was presented to her by President Woodrufl on behalf of members and friends in the District as a token of appreciation and respect.

Newcastle

Under the direction of Relief Society President Sister M. F. Maxwell, the Sunderland Branch held a combined Relief Society Conference and Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 1st, 1942, the theme being: "Let Virtue and Thanksgiving Garnish Thy Thoughts Unceasingly." The programme consisted of short talks, interspersed with a Scriptual reading and poem and appropriate Relief Society and Harvest hymns, including a duet, "What Shall the Harvest Be?" Participants were Sisters M. Rayne, E. Carter, I. Fenwick, C. Hill, E. Oates, I. Jefferson, G. Quayle and M. Cuthbertson. With the assistance of Brother Wm Wright, Branch President, the Church had been tastefully decorated with sheaves of oates and chrysanthemums. There was a fine array of fruit and vegetables, gifts of members and friends. Some of the produce was sent to sick members of the Branch and the remainder sold the following day in aid of the Building Fund.

South Shields Branch held a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, November 15th. Speakers were Sister Ellen Peacock, who referred to the Spiritual Harvest which will be ours and Sister Rachel Jones, who spoke of the Temporal Harvest. The produce given to the Branch was decoratively arranged in the Branch Hall and later sold, the proceeds being given to Branch funds.

West Hartlepool Branch held their Harvest Festival Services on Sunday, November 1st, 1942. Harvest gifts were received from many members and friends. Speakers at the Sunday Service were Brothers Stanley Short and Edwin Astin. At the social function held the following evening 30 people gathered to purchase the produce offered for sale; 45s. was raised, a percentage of which has been given to some worthy charity, the remainder being devoted to the Chapel Decoration Fund.

On two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, November 18th and 19th, 1942, Supper Socials were held in the West Hartlepool Branch under the direction of Brothers Stanley Short and Edwin Astin. Approximately 20 members and friends were preesnt on each occasion. The proceeds were divided between the Sunday School of the Branch and the Chapel Decoration Fund.

On Sunday, November 22nd, 1942 Brother Edwin Astin was ordained an Elder by Elder Stanley Short, and set apart as 2nd Counsellor in the Branch Presidency of the West Hartlepool Branch.

Brother John Madson was ordained an Elder on Sunday, November 8th, 1942, by District President Fredk. Oates, and set apart as Counsellor to Elder Robert Garnham, whom was appointed President of the Gateshead Branch, October 1942.

Newcastle District held a Conven-

tion at West Hartlepool on Sunday, October 25th, 1942. Elder George Wappett conducted the first session. Speakers were Sister Emily Astin, who gave her testimony and Brother Edwin Astin, whose subject was "Why I believe in President Heber J. Grant as Prophet, Seer and Revelator of this Church." Those in attendance then separated for instruction from President F. W. Oates and Women's Auxiliary Supervisors.

The second session convened at 4 p.m., and Elder Stanley Short conducte.d Speakers and subjects were: Elder S. Short, "Prayer"; Elder G. Wappett, "Danger of Inactivity"; and District President F. W. Oates, Doc. and Cov., Sec. 4—"Obedience," "Christ's Second Advent," and "Talents." A duet was rendered by Sisters Ellen Oates and Gladys Quayle. Thirty-two people attended the first session and 37 the second.

Fredk. W. Oates Jnr. was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by Elder Stanley Short at this Convention.

Nottingham

The Derby Branch held a Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 22nd, 1942. A programme of songs, poems and readings was rendered by Sunday School children Mavis Plant, Joan Wigley, Jean Anthony, and a solo was sung by Sister Brenda Capps. Speakers were Sister Charlotte Orme and Brother George Bradley. Branch President Frank Orme was in attendance throughout.

Scottish

On Sunday, November 29th, 1942, two Home Missionaries were set apart, Sister Katherine Findlay by Elder Albert H. Willmott and Sister Elizabeth Edwards by President George Findlay respectively.

On Tuesday, November 24th, in the District of Buckburn, a lecture was given in the home of a friend by Elder A. H. Willmott and L. T. Moore. "Landmarks in Church History" was the title of the film shown.

The same film was again shown in the home of another friend on November 27th. Both occasions were remarked upon by those who attended as being very interesting.

Sheffield

Rawmarsh Branch Conference was held Sunday, November 15th, 1942. The theme was "Salvation for the Dead." Speakers in the afternoon session were Lady Missionaries Sisters Lillian S. Burton and Dorothea V. W. Ward, Brother George Hamstead and President John Snow. Twenty-three members and friends attended. Speakers in the evening session were Sisters Alice Maybury, District Genealogical Supervisor and Brothers Fred. K. Birkhead, Joseph T. Quinney and President George H. Bailey of the District Presidency. Musical items were rendered throughout the proceedings by the Rawmarsh Branch Trio.

The M.I.A. was re-organised at the Conference as follows: Brother J. Quinney, President; Sisters Elsie Quinney and Olive Snow as Counsellors; and Sister Elsie Quinney to act as Secretary. The Sunday School was also re-organised with Brother George Hamstead as Superintendent and Sisters Elsie Quinney and Emma F. Hamstead as Assistants, with Brother John Snow as Secretary.

On October 4th, the Sheffield Home Missionaries held a Harvest Service in the Branch Chapel, at which a goodly number of members and friends were in attendance. The following evening a social was held under the direction of Sister Winnie Bailey for the M.I.A. Proceeds raised from the sale of produce were passed to the Relief Society.

On November 29th Sheffield M.I.A. held a Hallowe'en Social, including a fish-and-chip supper under the direction of Brother George A. Stubbs. The evening was entertaining, and 48 members and friends enjoyed the usual ghost stories and effects.

The Doncaster Branch was reorganised on October 11th, 1942, as follows: Brother Frank Smith as President, Brother Ralph Burton as 1st Counsellor, and Brother David Smith as 2nd Counsellor. Sister Dora Smith was appointed to be Branch Clerk.

A Harvest Festival Service was held in the Doncaster Branch on Sunday, October 18th, under the direction of the Relief Society. Thirty people were in attendance. Proceeds of goods sold during the week following were £2 15s.

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